



Clallam County Fire District 3

Motto: Service Driven Through Excellence and Innovation

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 9th, 2023

Chair Bill Miano called the Board of Commissioners Special meeting for Clallam County Fire District 3 to order at 6:00 p.m. in person at 40 Texas Valley Road, in Sequim, WA 98382. Present were: Commissioners Bill Miano, Mike Mingee and Jeffrey C. Nicholas, Chief Orr, District Secretary Lori Coleman, Citizens who spoke were: Julie Ceffalo, Katie Wall, Norm Baker, Lee Dahlman, Leo LeBlanx, Tom Harris, Norm Nelson, Mitzi Sanders, Susan Richter, Glen Hover, Rhonda Fallon and another 24 other community citizens, who did not speak, attended.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda item 1 – Potential Sale of Lost Mountain Property - Chief Orr reported that Station 36 has not been active for over two decades and is currently listed as a "protection class 9" by the Washington State Rating Bureau. This rating significantly impacts many insurance premiums. To improve the rating, the station would need 6 Combat Firefighters living within 5 miles, meeting specific training and response requirements. Initially, volunteers must pass an NFPA 1582 physical, a drug screen, and a background check prior to being trained. They then undergo a 4-6-month Fire Academy, followed by regular drills and call responses to maintain good standing. The community expressed pride in Station 36 and a desire to keep it active. Concerns were raised about the lack of recruitment efforts and the demographic challenges. Citizens requested the District to make a formal recruitment effort and acknowledged the importance of being fit for duty to volunteer while recognizing their elderly population. The Board and Chief Orr shared plans for a new station in Carlsborg, aiming for increased staffing. Response times were assured to remain consistent or improve, even without Station 36's volunteers. A citizen requested the bell atop Station 36 be donated; Chief Orr added that there are plans to donate it to a local museum. Chief Orr assured that it will be gifted to a museum. Commissioners shared plans for a new station in Carlsborg, the recent addition of Battalion Chiefs, and potential sale of the current Station 33 when a new building could be built at the District Maintenance and Training Facility. Discussions included the Wildland Urban Interface and strategies for homeowners to prevent wildfires. Citizens thanked the District for hosting the meeting. Commissioners expressed gratitude and announced plans to start a recruitment campaign. More information will be provided.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to address community concerns by explore recruitment efforts and continue enhancing fire services in the District.

GOOD OF THE ORDER –


- None

ADJOURNMENT


Chairman Miano called for adjournment at 7:26 p.m.



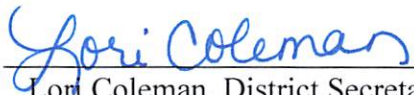
Bill Miano, Chairman



Jeffrey C. Nicholas, Vice Chairman



Michael Mingee, Commissioner

Attest: 

Lori Coleman, District Secretary